GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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EXPORT AND IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export and import of defence equipments and weapons during the last three years; and

(b) the likely demand of Indian defence equipments from abroad in the coming years, and the likely import of defence equipments in future years?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The information about direct exports of defence equipments and weapons during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in crores approx.)

1998-1999	137.00
1999-2000	82.00
2000-2001	215.00

The information about details of imports cannot be disclosed in the interest of the national security. Import of equipments/weapons is made after a continuous assessment of the strength of our adversaries, taking into consideration the indigenous capacity and external threat perception. The demand of Indian defence equipment from abroad during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 is expected to the tune of Rs. 178 crores and Rs. 224.00 crores respectively.